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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
GENSCHER

FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE TO JOURNALISTS AFTER THE MEETING
BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER
IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 8. THE SECRETARY'S OPENING STATEMENT
WAS IN ENGLISH. ALL OTHER REMARKS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED BY THE
EMBASSY FROM GERMAN.

BEGIN QUOTE:

THE SECRETARY:

THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I HAD OUR REGULAR MEETING IN THIS PERIOD.
YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY ON ALL ISSUES OF COMMON
INTEREST, WHICH MEANS ALMOST ALL WORLD PROBLEMS. WE REVIEWED
THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE --
THE UNITED STATES, OF COURSE, STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE POSITION OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN -- EAST-WEST RE-
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LATIONS, NATO, THE MIDDLE EAST. I THINK WE HAD A REVIEW OF THE

WHOLE WORLD SITUATION IN THE FRINDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED OUR ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP. WE ALSO DISCUSSED A POSSIBLE POLITICAL FUTURE FOR ME IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. (LAUGHTER).

QUESTION:
IN BAVARIA, MR. SECRETARY?

THE SECRETARY:
WHY LIMIT IT TO ONE STATE? (LAUGHTER).
MR. GENSCHER, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER:
I CAN ONLY CONFIRM THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED ALL ISSUES, IN THE USUAL CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING AND CORDIALITY, WHICH ARE OF CONCERN AND INTEREST TO BOTH OF US. AND WE DID NOT SUCCEED IN FINDING ONE POINT ON WHICH WE HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS.

QUESTION:
THIS IS GERMAN TELEVISION. YOU MAY REMEMBER US FROM OSLO. MAY WE HAVE A SHORT INTERVIEW?

THE SECRETARY:
I AM NOT USED TO PRESENTING MYSELF WITH YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER ON TELEVISION, BUT I SHALL MAKE AN EXCEPTION, WHICH WILL BE OF ADVANTAGE TO BOTH SIDES.

QUESTION:
MR. KISSINGER, THIS IS YOUR LAST VISIT TO EUROPE IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE. MAY THE EUROPEANS ASSUME THAT AFTER YOUR TERM OF OFFICE, THE EUROPEAN POLICY OF THE US WILL CONTINUE AS BEFORE?

THE SECRETARY:
I HAVE TO ASSUME THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE US WILL BE INSPIRED BY THE BASIC INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY AND THAT THEREFORE THE BASIC GUIDELINES OF POLICY WILL NOT CHANGE. I KNOW MR. VANCE VERY WELL. I HAVE WORKED WITH HIM, AND FOR HIM. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE WILL BE AS IMPORTANT FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AS IN THE PAST.
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QUESTION:
MR. GENSCHER, THE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER MEETING TONIGHT WILL, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, HAVE AS ITS SUBJECT THE POINT KDIAT THE BERLIN TREATIES MAY NOT BE VIEWED SEPARATELY BUT HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF EAST-WEST DETENTE. DO YOU CONSIDER SUCH A SIGNAL TO MOSCOW AS NECESSARY?

FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER:

DURING ALL NATO MEETINGS AND PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE ALWAYS NOTED THAT BERLIN HAS REPRESENTED A TOUCH STONE FOR DETENTE, AND THE SAME HAS BEEN NOTED THIS TIME.

QUESTION:

MR. KISSINGER, HOW DO YOU JUDGE AT THE END OF YOUR TERM, THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE US TO WESTERN EUROPE?

THE SECRETARY:

I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE US WITH WESTERN EUROPE HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER. CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE US ARE INTIMATE AND THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF THE MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT ARE FULL OF TRUST. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD BASIS ON WHICH RELATIONSHIPS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CAN BE CONSTRUCTED MORE INTENSIVELY.

QUESTION:

VIEWS FROM WASHINGTON, DO YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP?

THE SECRETARY:

SLOWLY, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP AND THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WEST.

QUESTION:

IF YOU LOOK BACK ON YOUR TERM IN OFFICE, CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS AND YOUR GREATEST FAILURE?

THE SECRETARY:

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND YOUR SECOND POINT. (LAUGHTER.)
I HAVE NEVER ANSWERED THIS QUESTION IN AMERICA. I BELIEVE,
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NOW, AT THE END OF MY TERM, THAT THE RECORD IS THERE, AND EACH ONE HAS TO DRAW HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS.

QUESTION:

DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT OCCASIONALLY CRITICIZED YOUR STYLE OF "SECRECY AND TRAVEL DIPLOMACY". ARE YOU OF THE OPINION THAT THIS SHOULD CHANGE, OR ARE YOU OF THE OPINION THAT A SUPER-POWER SHOULD CONDUCT ITS FOREIGN POLICY AS YOU HAVE DONE?

THE SECRETARY:

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF A COUNTRY ALWAYS DEPENDS PARTLY ON PERSONALITIES.

I DO NOT WANT TO PROPOSE TO MY SUCCESSORS HOW TO CONDUCT POLICY. HOWEVER, I AM CERTAIN THAT THE BASIC GUIDELINES OF POLICY,

WHATEVER THE TACTICS MAY BE, WILL GO IN THE DIRECTION WHICH WE HAVE STARTED, I.E., IN A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE US LEADING TO THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

QUESTION:

MR. KISSINGER, HAVE THE SOVIETS MADE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS DEPENDENT ON CONCESSIONS REGARDING BERLIN?

THE SECRETARY:

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QUESTION:

REPORTEDLY, MR. GROMYKO HAS MADE REMARKS TO THIS EFFECT.

THE SECRETARY:

I AM NOT AWARE OF THIS. AT ANY RATE, WE WOULD NEVER ACCEPT
THIS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

QUESTION:

YOU WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS. YOU HAVE BROUGHT A MESSAGE FROM MR.

CARTER. DOES THIS ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN ALLIANCE
POLICY ALSO AFTER THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON?

THE SECRETARY:

I AM SURE THAT AMERICAN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO NATO WILL BE
HANDLED ALONG THE SAME LINES AS BY ALL AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS

SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF NATO. THIS IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE.

QUESTION:

MR. GENSCHER, HOW DO YOU JUDGE THE CONTINUOUS SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP?
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DOES THIS ENDANGER WESTERN SAFETY MORE THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE
SO FAR?

FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER:

I THINK THAT THE MEETING THAT WE WILL HAVE TOMORROW WILL SERVE
TO EVALUATE DEVELOPMENTS. OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN VIENNA
HAVE TO BE SEEN FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE.

QUESTION:

WHAT POSSIBILITIES DO YOU SEE TO COUNTER SOVIET ASPIRATIONS FOR
DOMINATION?

FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER:

I BELIEVE THAT THE COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE, THE DETERMINATION TO
DEFEND ITSELF, AND THE UFF##
THATDETENTE POLICY IS NOT
ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE LIMITS OF THE TREATY BUT HAS TO BE
DEMONSTRATED ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS, CONSTITUTE THE MOST IMPORTANT
ANSWER.

QUESTION:

AND YOU ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT DURING THE COMING DAYS CONCLUSIONS
WILL BE REACHED IN THIS SENDE?

THE SECRETARY:

I EXPECT THAT WE WILL REACH CONCLUSIONS IN THIS SENSE. ONE MUST
NOT FORGET THAT THE WEST IS AHEAD OF THE EAST ECONOMICALLY
AND TECHNICALLY, AND THAT THEREFORE IT IS UP TO US TO MAKE THE
NECESSARY EFFORTS TO GUARANTEE OUR SECURITY. THIS WE HAVE TO DO.

QUESTION:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
END QUOTE KISSINGER

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